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TAGS: EAIR, GB

SUBJ: LOCKHEED L-100 HERCULES

REF: LIBREVILLE 0026

1. MINISTRY OF FINANCE SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT  
PRESIDENT BONGO'S STATEMENT ABOUT USING LOCKHEED L-100  
AS MILITARY AIRPLANE (REFTEL) WAS INCORRECT AND THAT PLANE  
WILL IN FACT BE USED FOR TRANSPORT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
AND SUPPLIES, ESPECIALLY FOR TRANSGABON RAILROAD.

2. MISTAKE RESULTED FROM FACT THAT DIFFERENT PORTIONS  
OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WERE WRITTEN BY DIFFERENT  
MINISTRIES AND THEN PASTED TOGETHER IN PRESIDENCY. MINISTRY  
OF FINANCE, WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR AGREEMENT WITH LOCKHEED  
AND EXIM, NOT AWARE OF SECTION ON L-100 UNTIL SPEECH  
ACTUALLY GIVEN, AND DRAFTING MINISTRY WAS NOT AWARE OF  
LIMITATIONS PLACED ON L-100'S USE. FURTHER REASON FOR  
CONFUSION IS FACT THAT L-100 WILL BE FLOWN BY MILITARY  
PILOTS WHO ARE ONLY PILOTS IN COUNTRY CAPABLE OF FLYING  
SUCH AN AIRPLANE.

3. MINISTRY OF FINANCE SOURCES CITED INCLUSION OF  
MYSTERE 20, WHICH DEFINITELY NOT MILITARY AIRCRAFT,  
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UNDER MILITARY HEADING IN SPEECH AS FURTHER PROOF THAT

MIX-UP HAD IN FACT OCCURRED. IN ANY EVENT, THEY STATED THAT ATTESTATION SIGNED BY MINISTER MOUKAMBI GIVING ASSURANCES THAT L-100 WOULD NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT, THAT MOUKAMBI'S STATEMENT REMAINS VALID, AND THAT L-100 WILL NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

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